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Letter of Protest
in Docket 2012 - 177 - WS

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1. What is your connection or interest in this case? * For example, are you a customer of the Company that is the subject of this pending proceeding? (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

I am a customer.

2. Please give a concise statement of your protest. * (This section must be completed. Attach additional information if necessary.)

Tega Cay Water Service, Inc. (TCWS) has applied for a whopping 18.54% water increase and a more astounding 66.9% increase in wastewater fees. The proposed increase adds to the average consumer's bill approximately \$40/month to the current \$66/month bill. I have 3 reasons to protest this increase: (1) This is the cost of water – a life requirement. This is not an optional consumer product. In these times, the population is suffering extreme financial difficulties and TCWS should not take advantage of this basic need and our residents on limited incomes who will be severely impacted by this proposed 60% raise; (2) TCWS already collects \$39.06/household/month on approximately 2,000 homes (a conservative estimate) in Tega Cay which is \$937,440 per year plus \$96/residence on our tax bill for another \$240,000 per year for a total of \$1,177,440 per year to maintain and repair wastewater systems. This should suffice for a community of 2,000+/- residences but if they can't, residents should not pay for the mismanagement of current funds by yet one more increase in rates; (3) TCWS claims they need reimbursement for money already spent for improvements. A reimbursement would be a one-time, set amount payment. The current proposal is ongoing with no end to the income TCWS will continue to collect for years to come and no guarantee that they will manage this additional income with any more responsibility than they have in the past.

3. Do you wish to make an appearance at a hearing in this proceeding, if scheduled, and offer sworn testimony? *

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